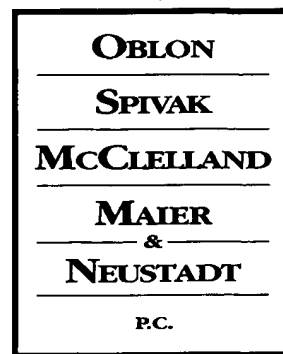




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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/694,042

Applicants: Hiroki NAITO, et al.

Filing Date: October 28, 2003

For: CRYSTALLINE SUPERFINE PARTICLES,  
COMPLEX MATERIAL, METHOD OF  
MANUFACTURING CRYSTALLINE SUPERFINE  
PARTICLES, INVERTED MICELLES, INVERTED  
MICELLES ENVELOPING PRECURSOR  
SUPERFINE PARTICLES, INVERTED MICELLES  
ENVELOPING CRYSTALLINE SUPERFINE  
PARTICLES, AND PRECURSOR SUPERFINE  
PARTICLES

Group Art Unit: 1773

Examiner: LE, H.T.

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

We have not included a check as we do not believe any fee is required. In the event there are any Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In response to the Restriction Requirement stated in the Official Action dated April 18, 2005, Applicants in the above-identified patent application provisionally elect Group I, Claims 1-15, drawn to crystalline particles.

The Restriction Requirement asserts that the application contains claims to distinct inventions. However, MPEP §803 states the following:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

The claims of the present invention would appear to be of an overlapping search area.

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Accordingly, Applicants respectfully **traverse** the Restriction Requirement on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a *serious* burden on the Examiner.

However, if the present Restriction Requirement is not withdrawn, examination on the merits of the Claims of Group I is believed to be in order, and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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